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SUBJECT: SPAIN WOULD LIKE MORE INFO ON STANDING COMMISSION
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Poloff spoke with Spanish Ambassador for Humanitarian Affairs Maria Bassols on September 10 regarding the candidacy of Steve Carr for the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Bassols said that she was familiar with Carr's candidacy and was impressed by his credentials, but she said that Spain had not yet made a decision regarding its support. She expressed surprise that more candidates had not yet emerged for the position. Bassols asked Poloff whether Mr. Carr had issued or planned to issue a paper on his views of the future of the International Red Cross, and Poloff promised to seek more information and follow up.
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